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1. DEPT. APPRECIATES REPORT OF MEETING WITH AYALA REFTEL

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2. ONLY POINT WHICH IS UNCLEAR AND THEREFORE TROUBLING IS AYALA'S POSITION RE PARTICIPATION OF JAPAN AND FRANCE. WE EXPECTED RESTATEMENT OF GOE PREFERENCE FOR REGIONAL ORGANIZATION COMPOSED ONLY OF STATES OF REGION. THIS IS ISSUE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION IN LOS OR IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENTS. HOWEVER, REFERENCE TO HIS OBJECTION TO OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH THEM SUGGESTS POSSIBILITY GOE WOULD OBJECT TO THOSE STATES PARTICIPATING IN MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.

3. PLEASE FURNISH CLARIFICATION ON THIS POINT. YOU

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MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING REASONING IN DISCUSSION WITH GOE:

(A) WE BELIEVE HAVING THE VIEWS OF JAPAN AND FRANCE AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING IS IMPORTANT TO APPRAISING THE POSSIBILITY FOR OBTAINING LOS ARTICLE AND WORKABLE REGIONAL AGREEMENT. (B) OUR OBJECTIVE IN WORKING TOWARD

NEW REGIONAL ARRANGEMENT IS TO ACHIEVE SITUATION IN WHICH ALL STATES FISHING IN REGION (EVEN IF ONLY OUTSIDE 200-MILES) ARE PARTICIPATING IN REGIONAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM. (C) ATTENDANCE OF NON-REGIONAL STATES FISHING IN REGION AT SEPTEMBER MEETING SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN BY GOE AS PREJUDICIAL TO ITS POSITION ON EVENTUAL STRUCTURE OF ANY NEW ORGANIZATION.

4. FYI. OUR POSITION ON NECESSITY OF PARTICIPATION OF NON-REGIONAL STATES IS BASED, IN ADDITION TO ABOVE POINTS AND THOSE IN REF B, ON FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS: (A) STATES OF THE REGION COULD BE REDEFINED AT SOME FUTURE TIME TO EXCLUDE US. (B) RECOGNITION OF PRINCIPLE OF TRADITIONAL PARTICIPATION IN A FISHERY PROTECTS OTHER U.S. FISHERIES INTERESTS, E.G. SHRIMPING OFF BRAZIL. (C) EXCLUSION OF NON-REGIONAL STATES WOULD PREJUDICE FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS RE ACCESS FOR U.S. TUNA VESSELS IN OTHER REGIONS SUCH AS AFRICAN WEST COAST OR SOUTHWEST PACIFIC. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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